

Alameda Picks Police Chief From Berkeley

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ALAMEDA — Berkeley Police Captain Richard Young has been picked as chief of this island city's police department.

Chief William A. Tulloh quit the post in March after the Alameda Police Association voted 69 to 4 to call for his retirement.

Young joined the Berkeley Police Department in 1941 and will assume his new job Nov. 1. He is now in charge of the service division in Berkeley.

Alameda City Manager H. Douglas Weller said he decided to pick someone from outside the Alameda department "so a careful evaluation of the department can be made."

At the time of Tulloh's resignation Weller said "premature and unfortunate publicity surrounding the need for such evaluation has seriously impaired the effectiveness" of Tulloh.

The police association charged that Tulloh, who became chief in 1965, used threats and intimidation on officers and had demoralized the department.

Weller said that Young was screened from about 50 original applicants. He said two men from outside the city cut the number to 10, and an oral interview board recommended two of the 10 men to him.

Under the city charter, the city manager hires the police chief.

Deputy Chief Ivan Thompson, who has served as interim chief, did not want the permanent position.

Young, 52, joined Berkeley police following his graduation from San Jose State College.

He was promoted to sergeant in 1950,



NEW CHIEF RICHARD YOUNG
Chosen from 50 candidates

to inspector in 1954, to lieutenant in 1963, and to captain on March 1, 1966.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was granted leave of absence from the department in 1958 to conduct a survey for the reorganization of the Klamath Falls, Ore., Police Department.

He and his wife, June, have three children, Darrell, who is a graduate of the California Maritime Academy, Vallejo; Donna, 19, and Meredith, 12.

Captain Richard Young

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(Berkeley)
Captain Richard Young, age 52, was appointed to the department on February 16, 1941, following his graduation from San Jose State College. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1950, to Inspector in 1954 to Lieutenant in 1963 and to Captain on March 1, 1966. His assignments have included duty in the Patrol, Detective and Service Divisions. He is presently commander of the Service Division.

Captain Young and his wife Jane reside at 1462 Summit Road, Berkeley. They have three children. Darrell who is a graduate of the California Maritime Academy, Vallejo; Donna, age 19; and Meredith age 12.

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Alameda Police Department Observes its Centennial

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ALAMEDA—A hundred years ago, two years after Alameda had incorporated as a town, the Board of Trustees (as the city government was known then) was afraid that the Fourth of July celebration would get out of hand.

So the trustees hired Fred J. Krauth Jr. and five other men as special officers to keep things under control. Krauth, because he was the first of the men to be hired, became the chief and thus was born the Alameda Police Department.

Yesterday the department quietly celebrated its 100th birthday, with cake and coffee in the city council chambers.

Police Chief Richard Young told a small gathering of city officials that murders and crimes of passion happened then too. "Times haven't changed," he said.

Krauth, who also became Alameda's fire chief later, was paid \$50 a month, as were the others. He didn't carry a gun or a club. When he had to put someone in jail, he did it with a wheelbarrow.

Historical records show that the department began in a converted tankhouse some-

where in the west end. Those were the days when residents got their water from wells.

The department moved into a new building near the turn of the century where it has remained since.

Young, who was a captain with Berkeley police when he was chosen Alameda's chief in 1970, said Krauth and his cohorts—John Ball, Jackson Dower, Frank Hally, W.K. Jaquith and H.S. Harlow—are gone now, just as 100 years from now he and his present department will be gone too.

"But," he quipped, "I'm not so certain we won't be in this same building 100 years from now. We're trying to get out of it but we haven't yet."

The department now has 89 sworn officers and some 17 civilian employees. Three of them, Shirley Boylan, Denise Foster and Nellie Cuellar, helped serve the cake and coffee yesterday.

To let residents know their



RICHARD YOUNG
Current chief



FRED J. KRAUTH JR.
First chief

department passed a milestone this year, Capt. Arthur Treadwell and Lt. Robert Sheills are preparing a pamphlet on the history of the department, its present operations and what the future may hold.

The pamphlets will proba-

bly be mailed with the city's utility bills in September and October, they said.

Vice Mayor Chuck Corica, in a brief talk after the cake was cut, praised the present department as being "the ones who make Alameda as nice a place as it is to live."

9 Antiwar Protestors Settle Suit

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An out-of-court settlement has been reached in a federal court damage suit charging that Alameda Police Chief Richard Young and officer Vernon Lilley violated the civil rights of nine antiwar demonstrators in 1971.

The nine, who were either arrested or detained by Navy officials during a protest against the sailing of the aircraft carrier Coral Sea for Vietnam on Nov. 12, 1971, will be paid \$500 each under the settlement.

The suit originally was brought by 16 persons who sought a total of \$100,000 compensatory and \$500,000 punitive damages from the two policemen and nine U.S. Navy men.

Trial of eight of the Navy defendants, expected to last two weeks, is now under way in the San Francisco courtroom of U.S. District Court Judge Robert F. Peckham.

Judge Peckham has dismissed the charges against one of the Navy defendants,

Capt. Warren H. Sells, former commander of the Alameda base and now retired, on the basis of "immunity of the sovereign."

The remaining eight were base security guards at the time of the incident. Asst. U.S. Atty. John J. Cooney Jr., who represents them, told the jury the eight were following a lawful order to turn away everyone not authorized to enter the base.

But, he said, an "incredible" traffic jam developed, forcing a change in plans. Some demonstrators were directed to drive through the base to ease the traffic situation.

Some of them, Cooney said, stopped or left their cars—despite Navy orders—and were detained or arrested.

But attorney David M. Weitzman said his clients who came to the demonstration were not on the base without permission and that their apprehension for periods of up to five hours was a violation of their civil rights.

chief plans to retire

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ALAMEDA—Richard Young, 62-year-old police chief of this island city since 1970, plans to retire next Feb. 15.

Young, who also racked up 30 years of service with the Berkeley Police Department, says law enforcement is "a young man's game" and wants to spend more time with his wife June and at their Bay Farm Island home and summer home in the Sierra.

"There are two things I don't want to get involved in" after retirement, he said, "another 8-to-5 job and long-term projects that take up a lot of time."

Young almost retired after

putting in 30 years with Berkeley police. When the chief's position opened up in Alameda, he decided to apply—and is glad he decided to keep working.

Young's proudest accomplishment is the department's move into the new Police Administration Building.

The Youngs' son, Darrell, is a merchant marine officer involved in oil exploration. One daughter, Donna, is herself the mother of a son and two daughters in Oakland. The other, Meredith, just completed work for a mathematics degree at the University of California in Berkeley.

City's new police chief offers the department a fresh start

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By Richard Young
GUEST COLUMNIST

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APRIL 4 will usher in a new era of law enforcement for the City of Alameda and the Alameda Police Department when Chief Burny Matthews of East Palo Alto assumes the helm of our department. I've never met Chief Matthews, but am aware of his excellent reputation and feel sure he will be an outstanding administrator.

City Manager Bill Norton is to be congratulated for conducting a detailed and thorough search for a new police chief executive. He received input from outside city managers, police chiefs, city department heads and interested community representatives. Acting Chief Bill Schmitz, who has done an excellent job under difficult circumstances, and the other finalists are all capable of administering any police department. The city manager's decision came down to selecting who he thought was the better of the best.

Incidentally, my remarks were reported out of context in the Feb. 10 story in the Times-Star. I did not disagree with the other speakers. My first and primary point was that the city manager should "select the best qualified candidate." A little later I said, "Everything else being equal, give preference to a current member of the police department." The remainder of my quoted remarks were accurate.

In the 115-year history of the department, Chief Matthews will be the fourth to be selected from outside: Two came from the Berkeley Police Department and one was the noted criminologist E.O. Heinrich, who also resided in Berkeley. It is also a tribute to retired Chief George Hart of the Oakland Police Department, under whom Chief Matthews received his professional training from patrolman to lieutenant. Other proteges of Chief Hart now are chiefs in Oakland, Emeryville, the East Bay Regional Park District and in other communities in California.



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The remarkable statistic about the Alameda Police Department, or any police department, is not the number of complaints against its officers, but lack of complaints. Every year a minimum of about 1,000,000 contacts occur between the department and the public. This averages out to about 25 per officer per shift. Day in and day out, officers deal with the most difficult problems of humanity. About 50 percent of their work involves making someone unhappy. They issue traffic citations, determine someone is responsible for an accident, try to settle domestic disputes (the most dangerous of all assignments), make arrests (or tell someone they can't make an arrest), or tell people that their case is one that falls through the cracks, that nothing can be done for them. No other representative of the city is so visible to the public 24 hours a day. Those who run afoul of the law are frequently unable to accept responsibility and make the officer the brunt of their actions.

August Vollmer, father of modern American criminology, wrote nearly six decades ago: "The citizen expects police officers to have the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of David, the strength of Samson, the patience of Job, the leadership of Moses, the kindness of the Good Samaritan, the strategical training of Alexander, the faith of Daniel, the diplomacy of Lincoln, the tolerance of the Carpenter of Nazareth, and, finally, the intimate knowledge of every branch of natural, biological, and social sciences. If he had all these, he might be a good policeman."

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I began this column saying that April 4 ushers in a new era for the Alameda Police Department. The Times-Star can set the tone for the future by putting to bed the one or two paragraphs that are inserted into most articles about the police department concerning unfortunate incidents that happened some years ago. Those who were involved, had they been prosecuted for crimes, would most certainly have served any sentences and been released from parole or probation by this time. They have been disciplined in accordance with city and department regulations and have been penalized in other ways. Continual rehashing of past wrongdoings is divisive to the city as a whole and is adversely affecting the morale of the members of the department.

Whether we are within or without the department, let's get behind Chief Matthews and support him in his new assignment as top cop. We should do no less.

Richard Young was Chief of Police from Nov. 1, 1970, to Feb. 15, 1981.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

The comforter sets (items 7A-E) featured on page 7 of our White Sale and

Values catalog were incorrectly advertised as including a sheet set and pillowcases. The comforter set consists of a comforter, bed skirt and two shams (one sham in twin); sheets and cases are not included. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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